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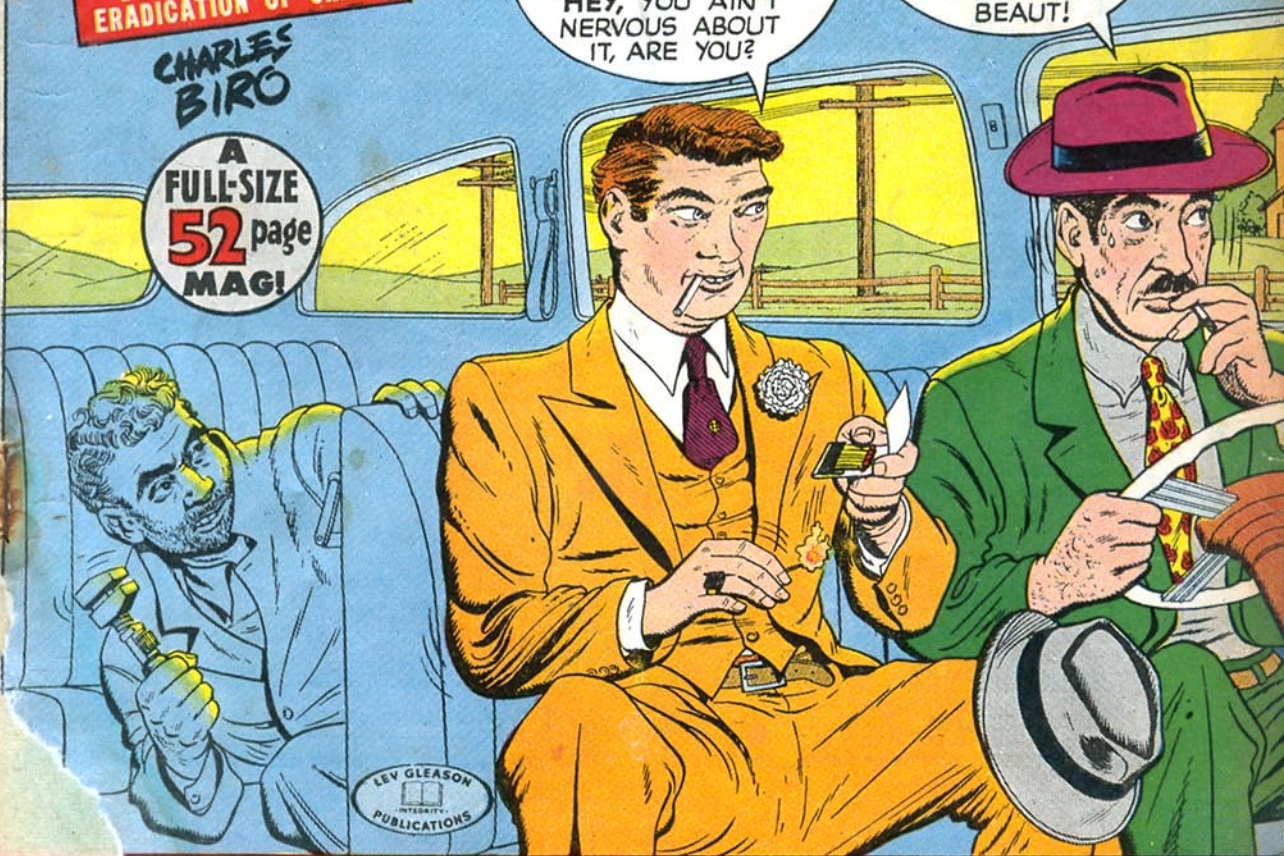
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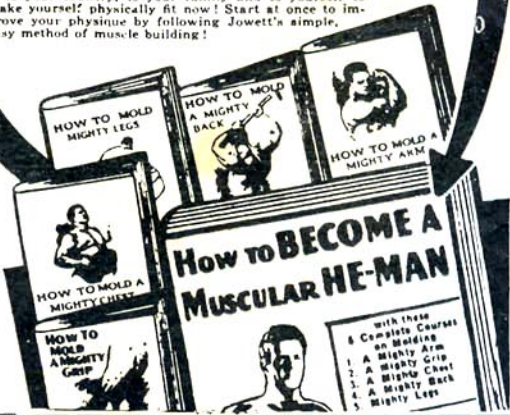
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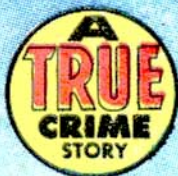
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# HOP-HEAD HARRIS

## AND A COP'S DETERMINATION!



DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE! HE MIGHT HAVE A ROD UNDER HIS PILLOW!

SEE—I TOLD YOU! TH..THEY'VE COME TO KILL ME! TH..THEY...

SHUT UP! DO YOU WANT 'EM TO HEAR YOU? I'LL HANDLE HARRIS!

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**T**HERE'S ALWAYS AT LEAST ONE HOP-HEAD HARRIS IN EVERY BIG TOWN—A DRUNKEN, INSENSITIVE BRUTE, WHOSE CRUELTY SEEMS TO BE THE KEY TO HIS MOMENTARY IMPORTANCE! HOP-HEAD HARRIS WAS GARGANTUAN IN EVERYTHING! HIS NORMAL CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR WAS TWO QUARTS A DAY, AND HIS EATING WAS IN PROPORTION! IF THESE HAD BEEN HIS ONLY EXCESSES, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN LEFT TO EAT AND DRINK HIMSELF INTO AN EARLY GRAVE, BUT IT WAS HIS APPETITE FOR VIOLENCE WHICH BROUGHT THE LAW CRASHING DOWN ON HIS DETESTABLE HEAD!

# OBEY THE LAW



DINNY MONAGHAN, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS OF VICIOUSNESS, WAS BOSS OF THE LEATHERHEADS! HE CONTROLLED THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF SHIPS, LIKEWISE OF TRUCKS—AND THE WORKING TIME OF THOSE WHO TOILED ALONG THE DOCKS! THIS UGLY BIOGRAPHY BEGINS WITH FURY!

FUNNY—HOW HE KEEPS LOOKIN' UP AT YOU, DINNY! HE CAN'T TAKE HIS EYES OFF THE GUY WHO MURDERED HIM!

SHUT UP, DUMBELL! DON'T SAY THAT AGAIN! IF THE COPS ASK YOU, I DIDN'T KILL HIM—IT WAS HOP-HEAD HARRIS! YOU REMEMBER THAT!

HOP-HEAD'S BEEN ON A DRUNKEN BINGE FOR THREE DAYS! HE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS OWN NAME WHEN HE'S SOAKED, SO HOW'LL HE REMEMBER IF HE KILLED JIMMY LENTY IN A DRUNKEN QUARREL OR NOT!

OKAY, I'LL BUY IT, BUT WILL HIS SISTER, SALLY, BELIEVE IT?



SHE'LL BELIEVE ANYTHING I TELL HER! SHE KNOWS JIMMY AND HOP-HEAD HATED EACH OTHER LIKE POISON! SHE MIGHT EVEN GO GUNNIN' FOR HOP-HEAD!

AIN'T DINNY A NICE GUY WITH A NICE, BIG, LOVIN' HEART? HE'LL STICK HIS SWEETHEART IN THE CHAIR—WHAT DOES HE CARE?

SHH... HE MIGHT HEAR YOU!



THERE HE IS, OFFICER—JUST AS I FOUND HIM! I DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING!

THAT WAS SMART, FELLER! LEAVE THE POKING AROUND TO THE POLICE! HMM... I KNOW THAT FACE—IT'S JIMMY LENTY! HE WAS A DOCKSIDE HOODLUM, BUT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THIS IS THE FIRST MURDER IN THIS AREA! IT MAY BE THE FUSE THAT'LL SET OFF A GANG WAR!



JOE? PUT ME THROUGH TO SERGEANT DORNE! IT'S IMPORTANT!

HOLD ON, BILL!



HOMICIDE BUREAU—SERGEANT DORNE SPEAKING! BILL BOSWELL? SURE, BILL—I REMEMBER YOU! YOU NABBED THAT SPINSTER-KILLER IN BETHURST LAST MARCH! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I'M REPORTING A MURDER! I THINK YOU'D BETTER COME DOWN! IT'S AT THE DUMP GROUND AT PARK AND NINTH! THESE BUMS AROUND HERE ARE ROUGH, BUT THIS INDICATES A CHANGE FOR THE WORSE!



I EXPECTED THIS RIGHT ALONG, BILL! LENTY WAS ROTTEN FROM THE BEGINNING! HE DID A STRETCH—THEN ANOTHER, AND LATELY, HE STARTED RUNNING AROUND WITH THE MONAGHAN GANG!

WHO DO YOU THINK DID IT, SARGE?



PRACTICALLY ANYBODY! WHAT MOBSTER'S FRIEND WOULDN'T SHOOT HIM IN THE BACK FOR A DIME? A MAN WITH A GUN MAKES ENEMIES—HUNDREDS OF 'EM!

STILL, WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE RIGHT MAN! MURDER IS MURDER—EVEN IF THE VICTIM IS A CRIMINAL HIMSELF!



# OBEY THE LAW



THIS IS THE MURDER GUN, SARGE—NO FINGERPRINTS ON IT!

THAT MAY MEAN WHOEVER GAVE IT TO HIM HAS A FRAME-UP PLANNED! MY HUNCH IS THAT THE KILLER PLANTED IT! SEND IT OVER TO BALLISTICS! I WANT TO TELL HIS SISTER WHAT HAPPENED! SHE'S ANOTHER CHARACTER WHO'S RIDING FOR A FALL!



BUT DINNY MONAGHAN'S EMISSARY GOT TO SALLY AHEAD OF SERGEANT DORNE!

DINNY IS POSITIVE HOP-HEAD KILLED JIMMY! YOU KNOW HOW THEY'VE BEEN 'FEUDIN' OVER WHO'D BE DINNY'S RIGHT-HAND MAN! HOP-HEAD IS AT GOOPY'S NOW!

GIVE ME YOUR ROD, SALTY! HE'LL NEVER LEAVE THAT SPEAKY ALIVE!



AREN'T YOU COMING IN WITH ME, SALTY? I...I'D...ER... BETTER WAIT

OUTSIDE, AN' KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNIN'! REMEMBER, DON'T LOSE THAT ROD! IT'LL LEAD THE COPS TO ME!



WHERE'S HOP-HEAD HARRIS?

IN THE BACK ROOM— DEAD TO THE WORLD, AS USUAL!



HIYA, SALTY! PARK IT HERE— MY BINGE IS ALL SLEPT OFF NOW! I'M THIRSTY AGAIN! I'LL GET A BOTTLE AN' WE'LL HAVE A PARTY! BY THE WAY, HOW'S THAT BROTHER OF YOURS?

HE'S DEAD!



DEAD? BUT I SAW HIM HERE TONIGHT— HE WAS QUARRELIN' WITH DINNY!

YOU SNAKE-EYED LIAR! YOU'RE GETTING WHAT YOU GAVE MY BROTHER!

S...SALLY!

BANG!



YOU COULDN'T HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN! YOU CRAZY FOOL! GIVE ME THE GUN—GIVE ME THE GUN, I SAID!

SOB! Y...YOU KILLED MY BROTHER! I'LL GET YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!



YOU'LL GET NOBODY! TELL ME, YOU DUMB FRILL! WHO PUT YOU UP TO THIS? DINNY? TELL ME BEFORE I REALLY GET MAD!

YOU ALWAYS HATED JIMMY! YOU WANTED HIM DEAD! DINNY WANTED TO KILL YOU FOR THIS, BUT HE LET ME HAVE THE FIRST CRACK! YOU DIRTY MURDERER! SALTY TOLD ME HOW YOU SHOT JIMMY IN THE BACK!



SALTY, HUH? WAIT A MINUTE —IT'S GETTIN' CLEAR NOW! DINNY LIKES ME LIKE A DOSE OF ARSENIC BECAUSE HE'S AFRAID OF ME! THEN HE HAD A BRAWL WITH JIMMY, AN' JIMMY AIN'T SCARED OF HIM, EITHER! SO THE SKUNK FIGURES A FRAME-UP WILL TAKE CARE OF US BOTH — AND YOU LET YOURSELF BE PLAYED FOR A SUCKER!

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE YOU? CAN I HAVE MY HAND BACK?

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SURE, YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND, YOUR SWEET DINNY MONAGHAN, KILLED HIM. AN' THEN FIXED IT SO THAT HIS FUTURE BRIDE WOULD GET SORE ENOUGH TO KILL ME! WHERE'S YOUR BRAINS? MY CALLIN' YOU A SUCKER IS A COMPLIMENT!



SALTY'S GONE! YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM AT HOME! LET'S GO AFTER HIM! A COUPLE OF SLAPS IN THE JAW WILL SHAKE THE TRUTH OUT OF HIS SLIMY MOUTH!



I NEVER NOTICED IT BEFORE, BABY, BUT YOU'RE A LOOKER! I FIGURE ON INHERITING YOU AS WELL AS THE MOB WHEN THEY SHOVEL DINNY INTO THE GROUND! ANY OBJECTIONS?



THAT TIGRESS WAS NOT FAR FROM RIGHT! HOP-HEAD HARRIS WAS TWO PARTS APE-ONE PART MAN! THEY WERE TWO BEASTS TRYING TO CONVERT CIVILIZATION INTO A LAWLESS JUNGLE, BUT THEY COULDN'T SUCCEED!



OPEN UP, SALTY-IT'S ME, SALLY! I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!



NICE GOIN' SALL... H..HOP-HEAD! Y..YOU!!



...IT'S TRUE, SALLY! DINNY KILLED YOUR BROTHER! HE MADE ME GO ALONG WITH HIM! HE'D HAVE KILLED ME, TOO IF I HAD SAID ANYTHING!



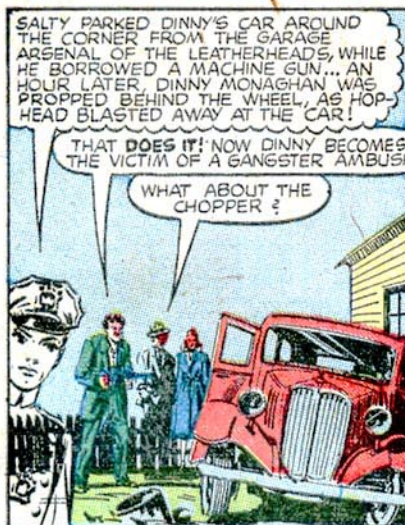
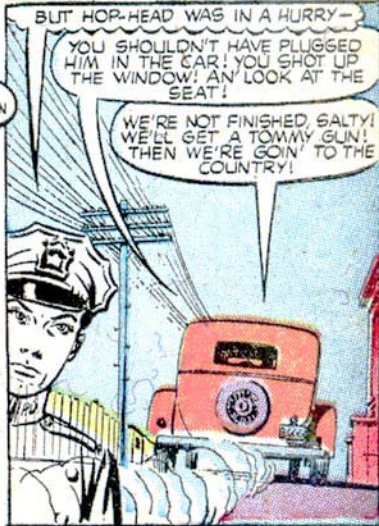
SURE, I'LL HELP YOU, HOP-HEAD! I DON'T CARE WHO I WORK FOR--JUST TELL ME WHAT TO DO!



AN HOUR LATER, DINNY MONAGHAN STEPPED INTO THE CAR THAT WAS DESTINED TO GIVE HIM HIS LAST RIDE!



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THIS IS A FURNISHED ROOM! IF IT'S OKAY WITH THE LANDLADY, I'M SURE IT'LL BE OKAY WITH CONGRESS!

ALL RIGHT, NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, WHAT DO YOU WANT?



STRAIGHT ANSWERS! WHERE WERE YOU TONIGHT? WHAT DID YOU DO BETWEEN SIX P.M. AND NOW?

TELL HIM, HONEY!

SHE WAS GETTIN' MARRIED TO ME, OFFICER! YA WANNA SEE TH' PROOF? HERE'S THE LICENSE!



GO ON, ACT DUMB, YOU SLIMY RAT! I'M TELLING YOU ONE THING—I'LL SEND YOU TO THE CHAIR IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, AND MAYBE HER, TOO, FOR COMPANY!



THERE'S JUST ONE THING I NEED TO PROVE THAT YOU MURDERED DINNY MONAGHAN! AND WHEN I GET IT, I'M COMING FOR YOU!

OH, IS HE DEAD? MY, MY, NOW AIN'T THAT A SHAME?



WHY ANTAGONIZE THE GUY? HE KNOWS SOMETHING, OR HE WOULDN'T BE POKING AROUND US! HE'S GONNA GIVE US A LOT OF HEADACHES IF HE MEANT WHAT HE SAID!

I MEANT WHAT I SAID, TOO! IF IT COMES TO DECIDIN' WHO LIVES—HIM OR US, I KNOW MY CHOICE!



SERGEANT DORNE WASTED NO TIME—THIS WAS THE CAGE OF HIS CAREER! HE WAS PROUD OF HAVING COMMAND OF THE PRECINCT THAT NEVER HAD HAD A CRIME GO UNSOLVED—MUCH LESS, A MURDER!

THE AUTOPSY SHOWED TWO .38 BULLETS IN MONAGHAN! WOULDN'T THAT PROVE MONAGHAN WAS KILLED BEFORE HIS CAR WAS MACHINE-GUNNED?

MAYBE ONE OF THOSE GORILLAS USED A .38 ON MONAGHAN AFTER THE SHOOTING—JUST TO BE SURE!



MEANWHILE, HOP-HEAD HARRIS WAS FINDING HIS CHOSEN PATH TO GLORY ANYTHING BUT EASY!

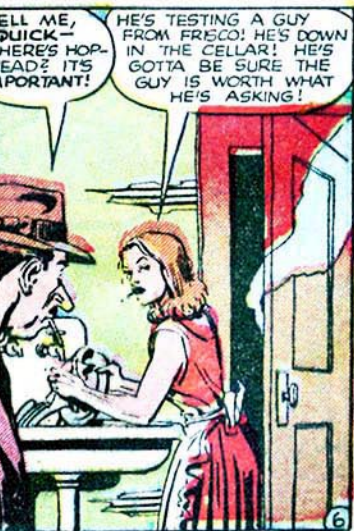
A GUY WHO'D KILL ONE OF HIS OWN MOB AIN'T TO BE TRUSTED! WHAT'S TO STOP HIM FROM PLUGGIN' ANY ONE OF US IF HE GETS A MIND TO?

PUG'S GOT SOMETHIN'!



WE DON'T NEED HOP-HEAD! WE DON'T NEED ANYBODY BUT OURSELVES! LET'S RUN THIS MOB LIKE TEN PARTNERS—EVERYBODY GETTIN' AN EQUAL SHARE OF THE TAKE, AN' IF HOP-HEAD DON'T LIKE IT, WELL, THAT'S HIS HARD LUCK!

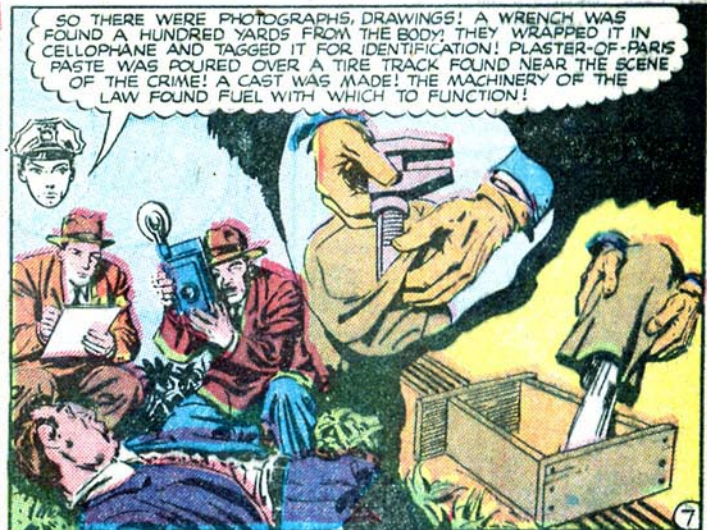
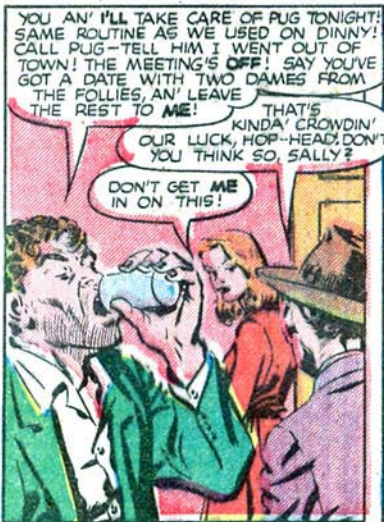
IT'S A GOOD THING I CAME TO THIS MEETING AHEAD OF HOP-HEAD! HE COULDN'T WALKED INTO A SHOWER OF SLUGS!



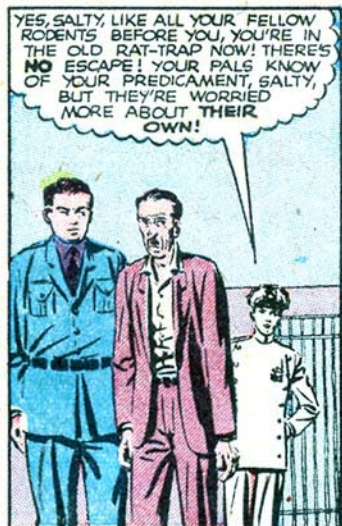
TELL ME, QUICK—WHERE'S HOP-HEAD? IT'S IMPORTANT!

HE'S TESTING A GUY FROM FRESCO! HE'S DOWN IN THE CELLAR—HE'S GOTTA BE SURE THE GUY IS WORTH WHAT HE'S ASKING!

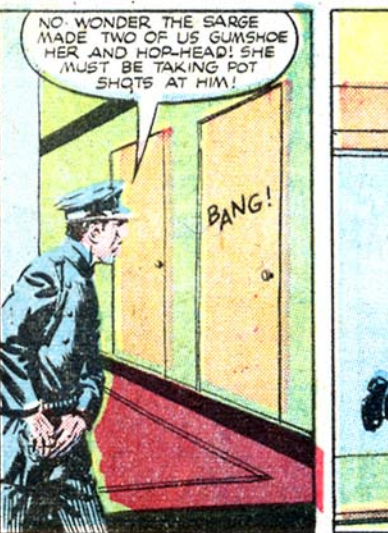
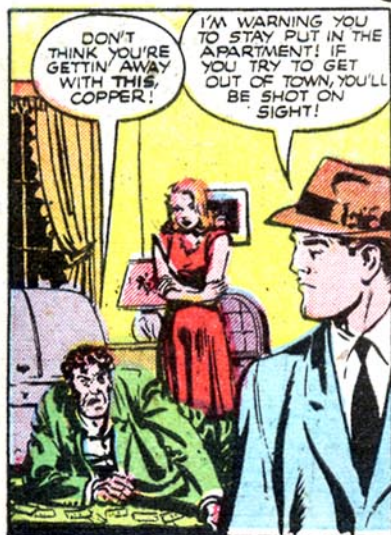
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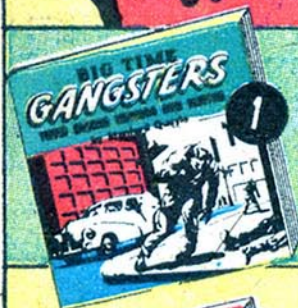
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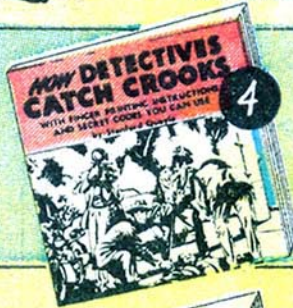


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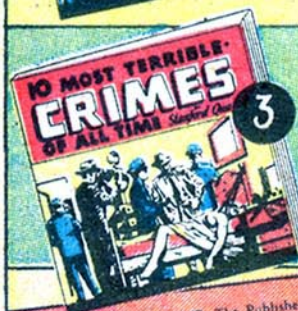


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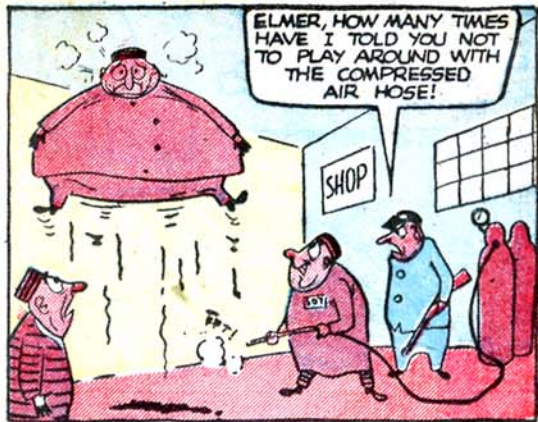


# This'll Kill Ya!

by Rap



WITHOUT PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSIS, GENTLEMEN, I'D SAY HE TOLD A WHOPPER!



I TOLD YA NOT TO ROB THAT GUY—HE'S THE MAGICIAN PLAYIN' AT DE RIALTO!



HEY, BOSS—HAVE YA SEEN THE ARSENIC? IT WAS RIGHT NEXT TO THE SUGAR HERE!



CARE TO SIT IN, SPIKE? WE'RE HAVIN' A FRIENDLY LITTLE GAME OF POKER!



DEDICATED TO THE ERADICATION OF CRIME

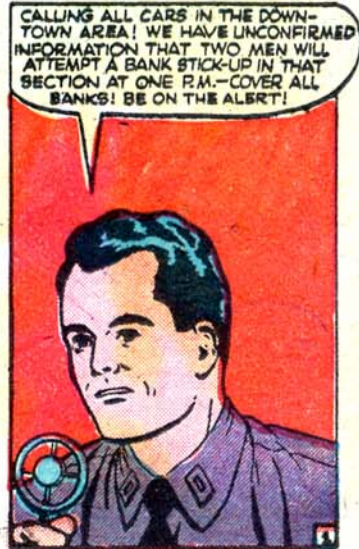
# BART SHOCKER and CHARLIE SPENN

A LEOPARD SKIN COAT LED TO THE CAPTURE OF THESE TWO HEARTLESS RATS!

**A TRUE CRIME STORY**



THIS TELEPHONE CALL YOU ARE WITNESSING OPENED THE MOST VIOLENT AND BLOODY AFTERNOON IN THE HISTORY OF A NORTHWESTERN CITY - OCTOBER 29, 1947!



# OBEY THE LAW

COMMERCIAL BANK POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLING! BE ON THE ALERT AGAINST A POSSIBLE ROBBERY AT ONE O'CLOCK! REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IMMEDIATELY!



CAR 12 HAS REACHED ASSIGNED POSITION, OVER!



PATROLMAN HANDLEY REPORTING! WE'RE READY FOR ANYTHING! NOTHING SO FAR!



CAR 10 REPORTING FROM DOW AND ELM - NOTHING YET!

THAT MAY HAVE BEEN A CRANK PHONE CALL, CAPTAIN! NO RECOGNIZED GANG OF HEISTERS HAS WORKED THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY FOR YEARS!



EVEN SO - WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!

IT'S THREE MINUTES TO ONE AND - HOLD IT! SOMETHING'S COMING NOW!

SERGEANT DRAKE REPORTING - A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CAR WITH TWO MEN IN IT JUST PULLED UP IN FRONT OF THE PACIFIC BANK! SEND HELP!



THEY SPOTTED ME AS THEY DROVE PAST! I HOPE SOME HELP ARRIVES QUICK!



HI, CLEM! YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! THEY'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE BANK!



PSST-CHARLIE! COPPERS! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE WISE TO US! LET'S SCRAM!

OKAY, MAKE IT SNAPPY!



WE'LL NEVER MAKE A GETAWAY! LET'S SHOOT IT OUT!

SURE WE CAN! THEY WON'T SHOOT IF WE DON'T! HOP IN!



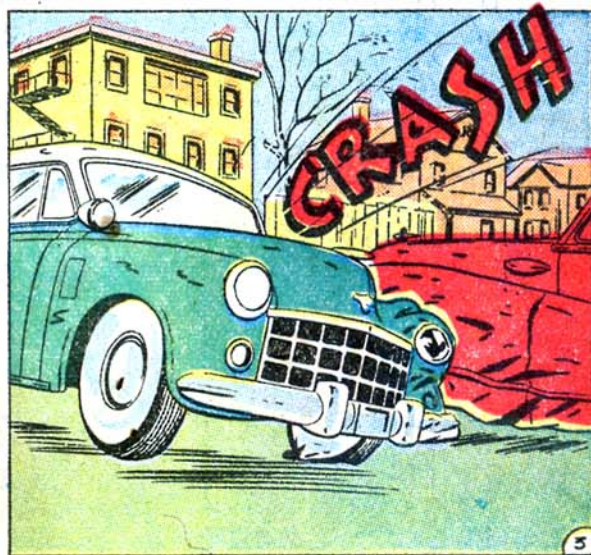
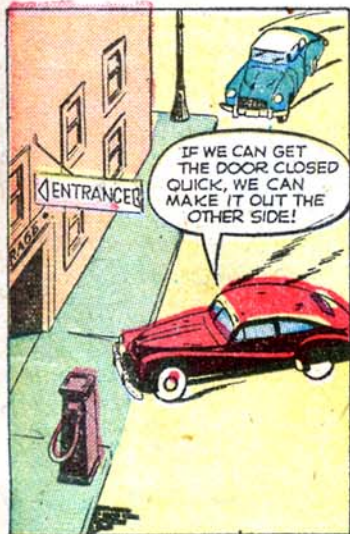
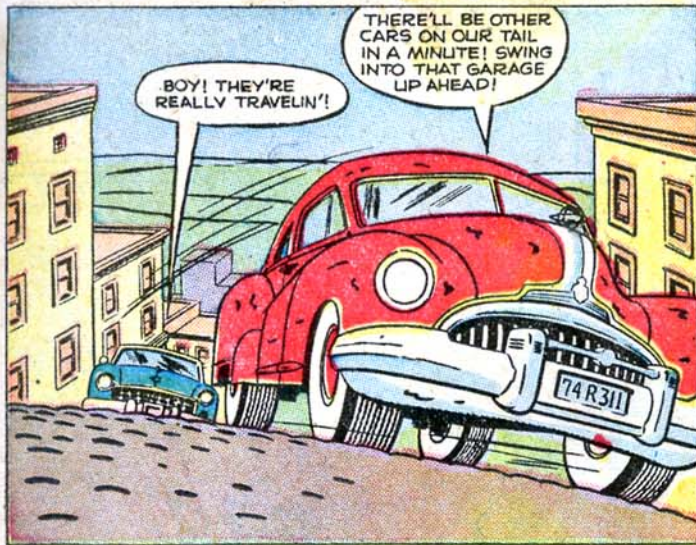
STOP! AND GET YOUR HANDS UP!

STEP ON IT!

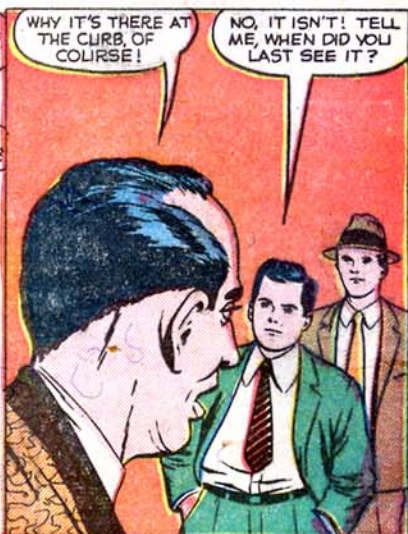
LET'S GET AFTER THEM, CLEM!



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A COAT LIKE THAT IS VERY RARE IN THIS TOWN - I'LL BET IT WAS HER BOY FRIEND WHO TRIED TO PULL THAT BANK JOB!

WE'LL KNOW BETTER AFTER WE'VE TALKED TO THE GIRL!



YES?

WE'RE POLICE, MISS DAVIS! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FRIEND OF YOURS, BART SHOCKER! IS HE HERE?



NO, HE ISN'T! I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE NOON!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT BANK JOB?



JUST WHAT I TOLD THE POLICE OVER THE PHONE! YOU SEE - IT WAS I WHO TIPPED YOU OFF ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY! BART HAD PRETENDED TO BE A SALESMAN! WHEN I DISCOVERED HE WAS A CROOK, I CALLED THE POLICE AT ONCE!



YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP! DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE MIGHT FIND HIM?

THERE'S A CHANCE YOU MIGHT FIND HIM AT THE LOG CABIN INN!

THAT'S ON DUCK POND CROSSING! IT'S OUR NEXT STOP, ANDY!



STRANGE, BUT NONE OF THE PATROL CARS WE RADIOED FOR IS HERE YET!

LOOK! THOSE TWO MEN JUST LEAVING! THE ONE ON THE LEFT IS BART SHOCKER!



MAKE BELIEVE YOU DON'T SEE THOSE COPPERS UNLESS THEY STOP US! THEN LET ME DO THE TALKIN'!

HEY, YOU GUYS! HOLD IT!

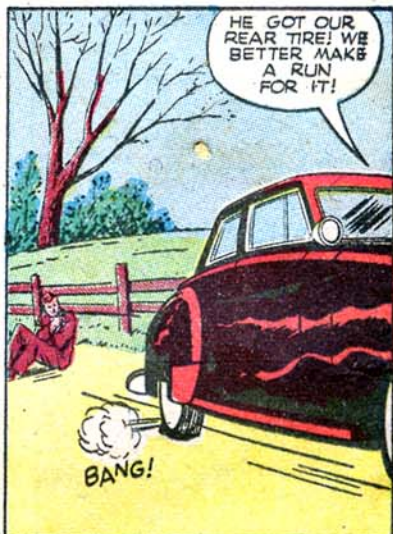
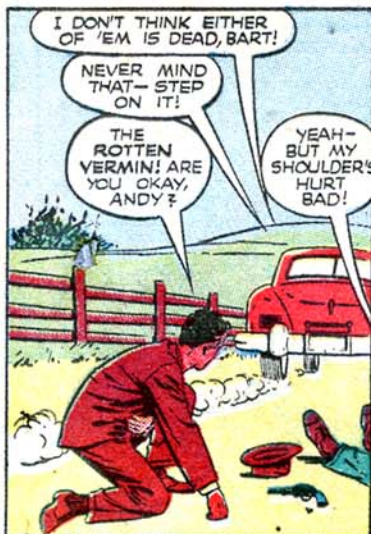
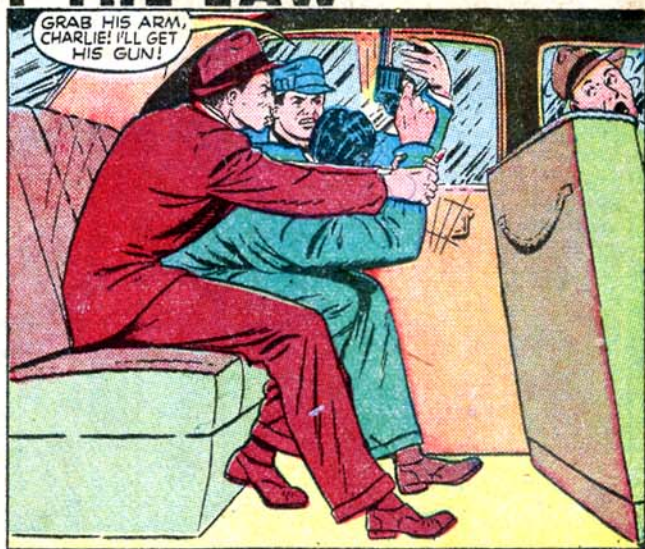
GET YOUR HANDS UP!



HEY, WHAT GOES ON HERE? IS THIS A GAG?

IT'S NO GAG, SHOCKER! THE CHIEF JUST WANTS TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU REGARDING AN ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY THIS AFTERNOON!

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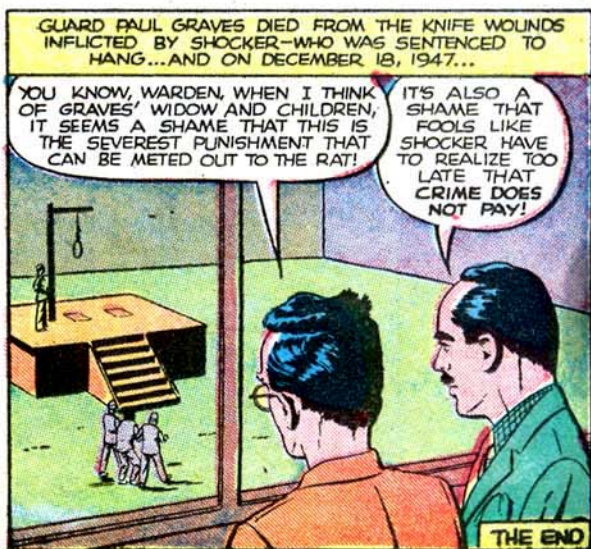
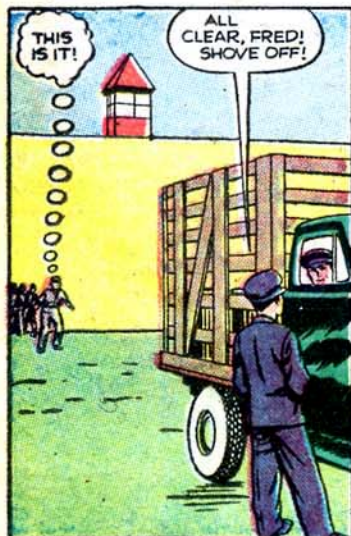
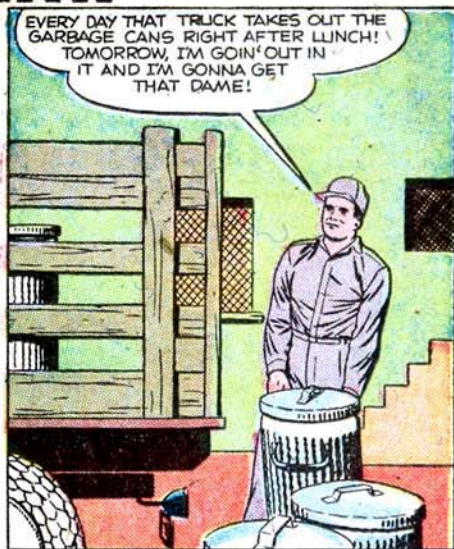


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## ON THE LEVEL

by C.H. MOORE

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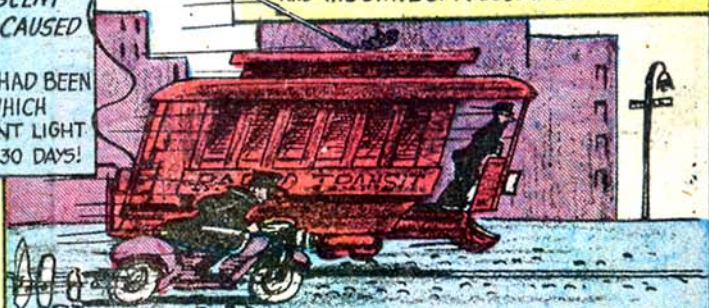


PRISONERS in Cambridge, Mass. COULDN'T SLEEP NIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE NOISE BOYS WERE MAKING ON THE STREET CORNER! THE BOYS HAD TO BE ASKED TO PLAY SOME OTHER PLACE!



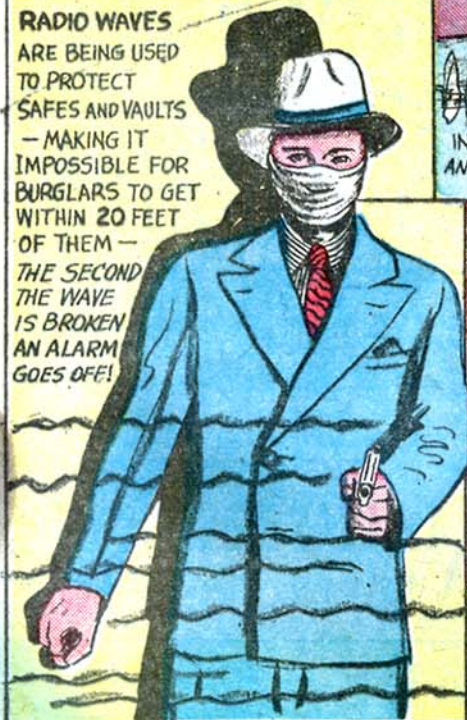
**BILL WARSON** WAS HANGED IN 1894 BUT THE KNOT CAME UNDONE AND HE FELL TO THE GROUND - UNHURT! THE SHERIFF WAS PREVENTED FROM RE-HANGING WARSON BY THE SYMPATHETIC CROWD - AND HE WAS SET FREE! - LATER HIS INNOCENCE WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI GAVE HIM \$5000!

**TOM FELL** - Detroit, Michigan, WAS PICKED-UP ON SUSPICION OF TURNING IN A FALSE FIRE ALARM! - AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS A FLUORESCENT LIGHT TURNED ON TO FELL'S HAND CAUSED IT TO GLOW A BRIGHT GREEN! - EVERY FIRE ALARM BOX IN DETROIT HAD BEEN DUSTED WITH AN INVISIBLE POWDER WHICH GLOWS WHEN EXPOSED TO FLUORESCENT LIGHT (FELL WAS FINED \$50<sup>00</sup> AND, RECEIVED 30 DAYS!

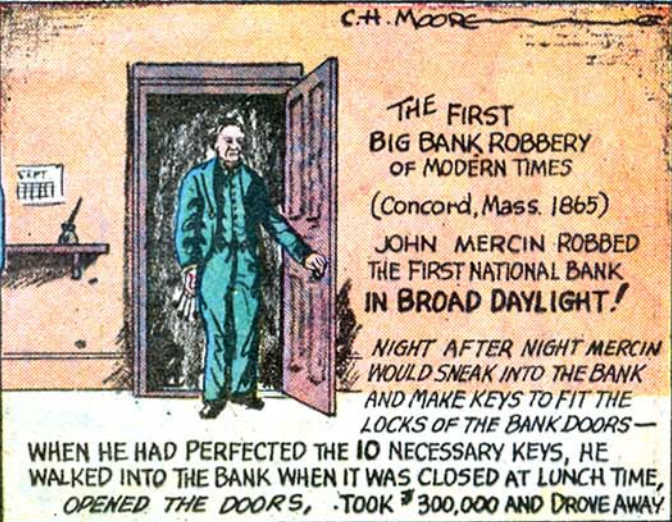


IN CALIFORNIA A STREETCAR MOTORMAN WAS ARRESTED AND FINED \$20<sup>00</sup> FOR **SPEEDING HIS TROLLEY CAR!** (50 MPH.)

**RADIO WAVES** ARE BEING USED TO PROTECT SAFES AND VAULTS - MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR BURGLARS TO GET WITHIN 20 FEET OF THEM - THE SECOND THE WAVE IS BROKEN AN ALARM GOES OFF!



C.H. MOORE



THE FIRST BIG BANK ROBBERY OF MODERN TIMES

(Concord, Mass. 1865)

JOHN MERCIN ROBBED THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT MERCIN WOULD SNEAK INTO THE BANK AND MAKE KEYS TO FIT THE LOCKS OF THE BANK DOORS -

WHEN HE HAD PERFECTED THE 10 NECESSARY KEYS, HE WALKED INTO THE BANK WHEN IT WAS CLOSED AT LUNCH TIME, OPENED THE DOORS, TOOK \$300,000 AND DROVE AWAY

# WIN \$100,000



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and his wonderful  
**PALOMINO HORSE**  
appearing exclusively in

# BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

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MAGAZINE  
IN  
20 YEARS!

"IN THE DAYS OF  
THE DESPERADOES"  
A GLEASON-BIRO-WOOD  
SUPER PRODUCTION

NOW TURN THE PAGE... READ THE

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## ME this HORSE!

# CASH REWARD

OR ANY ONE  
OF THE MORE THAN  
125 GENEROUS PRIZES

***\$1500 in All!***

Read the exciting adventures of the BLACK DIAMOND himself in "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" Comics.

See how the BLACK DIAMOND came to own his wonderful horse.

What shall the BLACK DIAMOND call him? You choose the name.

Tell all your friends. Get a copy of "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" from your news-dealer or, if he is all sold out, borrow one from a friend. You'll find many clues for the contest in "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" Magazine.

You may win \$1,000.00 in cash. There are 126 cash prizes in all. Help us to launch "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN MAGAZINE." Greatest new comic magazine in 20 years. Help us celebrate. Choose a name for the BLACK DIAMOND'S wonderful horse. Read rules and directions on the two following pages.

**IT'S EASY - IT'S FUN!**

### NAME THE HORSE

Can you think of a name for this wonderful, faithful horse? The name you choose may help you win \$1,000.

### GREAT FUN! SOLVE THE PUZZLES!

On the next page of this magazine there appears a fascinating puzzle. Solve it. There will be another puzzle which will appear only in the April #10 issue of "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN," on sale February 18th. Solve this puzzle also. There are 2 puzzles for you to work on.

### NOTHING to BUY — NOTHING to SELL!

Write a letter . . . 50 words or less . . . beginning with the following sentence: "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN is a wonderful magazine because . . ." There are four things to do in this contest:

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. Name the Horse  | 3. Write a Letter                         |
| 2. Solve 2 Puzzles | 4. GIVE US YOUR DEALER'S NAME AND ADDRESS |

TURN THIS PAGE TO GET THE FIRST PUZZLE AND FULL INSTRUCTIONS

# THE RULES . . . SOLVE THE PUZZLES

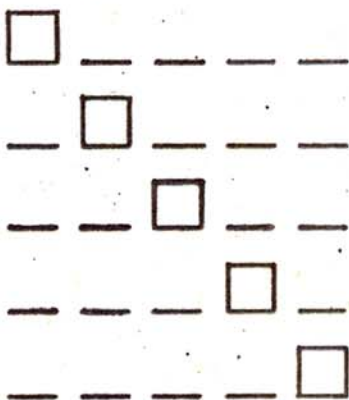
# HERE IS THE FIRST PUZZLE



PUZZLE NO. 1



Fill in the dashes in each line with four letters to make the word which is defined directly to the right. When you have done this, add a letter to each box to change this four letter word to a different word of five letters. To start you off we'll tell you that the first word is ACES and the letter in the box is R, making RACES. What is the next word? If you fill in the rest of the diagram correctly the letters in the boxes, reading from upper left to lower right, will spell the name of a popular western outdoor show. Write this word on the coupon.



1. The four highest cards in a pack.
2. A small liquid measure.
3. Another name for dinner or supper.
4. What dressmakers use.
5. Where a prisoner is kept.

**IT'S EASY...IT'S FUN!**

The Second and Final Puzzle will appear only in BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN — April #10. On Sale February 18th.

## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Follow these Exactly!

1. Print your name for BLACK DIAMOND's Horse on the coupon on opposite page or on separate piece of paper.
2. Print clearly the name and address of the newsstand where you buy Lev Gleason Comic Magazines.
3. Print solution of puzzle #1 and solution of puzzle #2, when you have solved both puzzles.
3. On a separate piece of paper—write a letter of 50 words or less, beginning with, "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN is a wonderful magazine because ....."

**IT'S EASY...IT'S FUN!**

You may enter as many names as you wish, but each entry must be complete with puzzle solutions and a letter. The entries will be judged by Lev Gleason, Charles Biro and Bob Wood on the basis of the originality and suitability of the name you choose and the letter you write. Your letter counts toward winning a prize. You must furnish correct solutions to both puzzles in order to qualify. Decisions of the judges are final, but in case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

This contest is open to everyone, man, woman and child, except employees of Lev Gleason Publications Inc. and their families.

The contest is subject to all Federal and State regulations.

All entries become the property of Lev Gleason Inc. None will be returned. To be considered, envelopes containing entry must bear postmark before midnight April 2nd, 1949.

Remember to follow the contest rules. Read the "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" stories in issue #9 and issue #10. Choose a suitable name for BLACK DIAMOND's horse. Solve the 2 puzzles. Hold your answers until you have the 2nd puzzle solved. The 2nd puzzle will appear only in "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN's April issue #10 on sale February 18th. If your dealer is sold out, borrow a copy. Be sure to give the name and address of the newsdealer from whom you buy Lev Gleason Comic Magazines. Be sure to write a letter of 50 words or less. When you have completed the requirements of the contest, mail to—

**LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC., Black Diamond Contest**

114 EAST 32nd STREET, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

# 1st PRIZE REWARD

# \$1,000

## 125 OTHER CASH PRIZES

# \$1500 IN ALL!

### LIST OF CASH PRIZES

## TRY to WIN

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| First Prize           | \$1000 |
| Second Prize          | \$100  |
| 4 Third Prizes—each   | \$25   |
| 20 Fourth Prizes—each | \$5    |
| 100 Fifth Prizes—each | \$2    |

### \$1500 IN ALL

Just think what it would mean to win \$1,000.00 first prize. Think what you could buy with \$1,000.00 for yourself, for Mother and Dad. A wonderful trip for the whole family, or maybe a year in college.

You can be the one to win this wonderful prize. Decide right now to enter this contest. You may get your Dad, Mother, teachers and friends to help you. You'll have the best chance of winning if you carefully read the great feature stories of the BLACK DIAMOND in "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" Magazine.

Names of all winners will be printed in a later issue of "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN"—and 1st and 2nd prize winners will have their pictures reproduced.

## USE THIS HANDY COUPON

LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC., Black Diamond Contest   
114 E. 32nd ST., NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

The name I choose for BLACK DIAMOND'S horse is.....

My solution for puzzle #1 is.....

My solution for puzzle #2 is.....

The name and address of the Newsdealer from whom I buy Lev Gleason Comics is as follows:

Dealer's Name.....

Address.....

(Street and Number)

City or Town..... State.....

I am enclosing a letter of 50 words or less beginning with "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" is a wonderful magazine because....."

My name is.....

My age is..... Address.....

(Street and Number)

City or Town..... State.....

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY WITH PENCIL

# WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Dear Readers:

In every issue of CRIME AND PUNISHMENT this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of CRIME AND PUNISHMENT, we have been guided by two ideals—first, the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

When I go to the newsstand, my selection of reading matter is governed by the integrity of the publisher. From experience I know that any magazine ("Crime and Punishment," "Daredevil," "Boy," "Crime Does Not Pay," and "Black Diamond,") bearing the stamp of Lev Gleason Publications, with Charles Biro and Bob Wood as editors, is bound to be tops in good, intelligent, constructive reading. Food for the mind is just as important as food for the body, so I am as discriminating in my choice of magazines as I am in picking food products. Thanks for giving the readers of America a publication name they can depend upon!

Bob Weaver  
1217 High Street.  
Beatrice, Nebraska

Just a note to tell you that we Texans know your magazine "Crime and Punishment" is one of the best ways to illustrate that crime has no place in the lives of peace-loving men and women. It's tops with the entire West, and with our family in particular.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Huelster  
606 Flood Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas

I am a "Crime and Punishment" fan. My father is the chief of police in our town of Elkland, Pennsylvania, and he agrees with me that "Crime and Punishment" teaches that crime does not pay.

Kenneth A. Crane  
W. Main Street  
Elkland, Pa.

I particularly like "Crime and Punishment" magazine because I learn the true facts of actual cases. Everyone in my family reads your magazine and it is a favorite with us all!

Marion Hicks  
29 N. Thames St.  
Norwich, Conn.

Since we are in the hospital we have plenty of time to read comics, and we usually read just about every one that is published. The outstanding comics according to our ward are always those edited by Charles Biro and Bob Wood, with "Crime and Punishment" heading our list of favorites. Keep up your good work!

James Ronesand  
Kenneth Bowler  
Sunny View Hospital  
Schenectady, N. Y.

I have been sending "Crime and Punishment" to my brother who is in the state penitentiary. Just this morning I received a letter from him telling me that most of his friends have decided to send for "Crime and Punishment," realizing the benefits they will get from reading this fine magazine.

J. C. H.  
Whittier, California

In my neighborhood we have a "Crime Prevention" club of which I am president. Every member reads "Crime and Punishment" and each month we discuss your wonderful stories. The purpose of our club is to help the boys and girls in our neighborhood to stay on the right track. The opinion of the club is that "Crime and Punishment" is a swell magazine.

Oscar Weiss  
3032 Kenyon Ave.  
Baltimore 13, Md.

I congratulate Charles Biro and Bob Wood, editors of "Crime and Punishment," on such a fine magazine. This magazine clearly proves that crime can never pay, except by punishment. I'm sure that if more people would read this magazine there would be less crime in the world today. Keep up the good work.

M. M. Marker  
545 Rose Ave.  
Long Beach, Calif.

At the request of some signatories, only their initials and addresses appear. Please try to limit letters to about 50 words. All letters become the property of Lev Gleason Publications, Inc., and we reserve the right to edit same. Address all letters to CRIME DOES NOT PAY, 114 East 32nd Street, New York 16, N. Y.

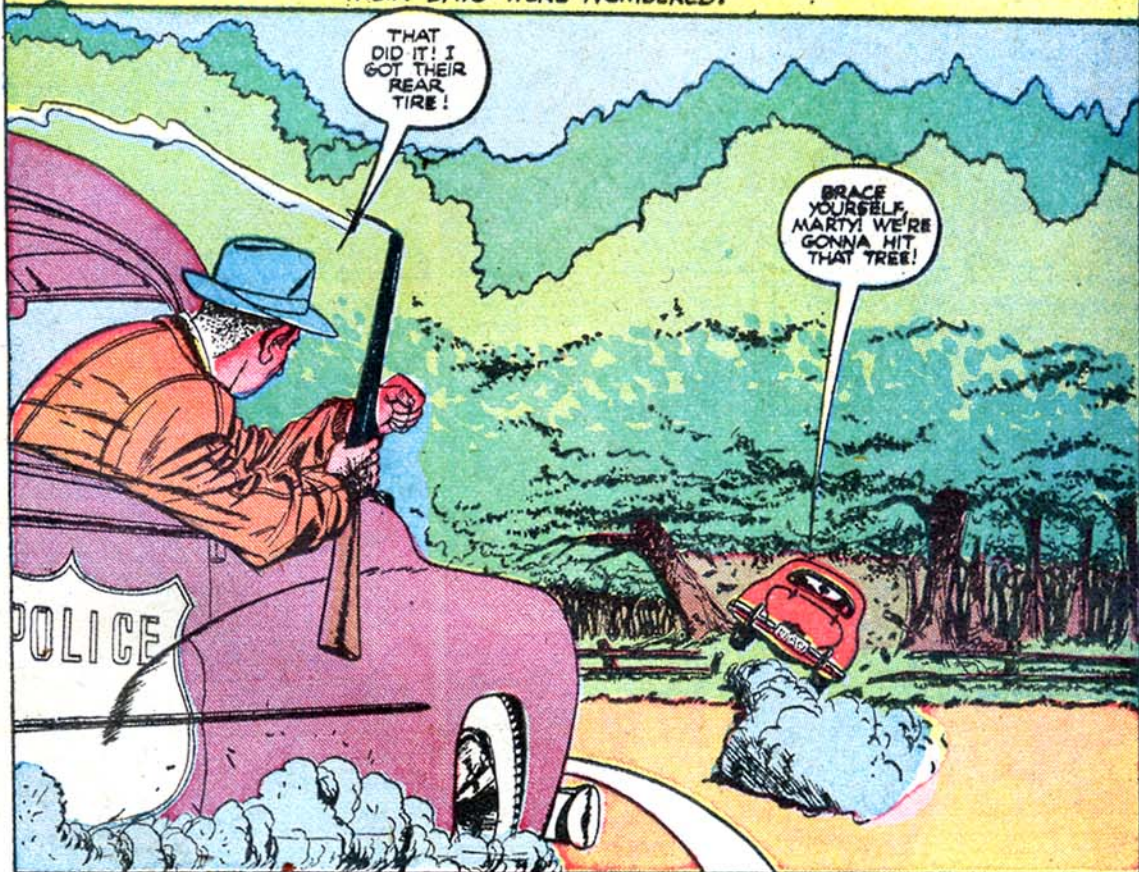
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**A TRUE CRIME STORY**

# MARTY PHELPS and WHITEY RADIN

WHEN THEIR MAD SCHEME TO ENGINEER A PRISON BREAK BOOMERANGED, AND THEY KILLED A SHERIFF'S BROTHER, THEIR DAYS WERE NUMBERED!

MARTY PHELPS EXECUTED APRIL 30, 1946  
WHITEY RADIN EXECUTED APRIL 30, 1946



THAT DID IT! I GOT THEIR REAR TIRE!

BRACE YOURSELF, MARTY! WE'RE GONNA HIT THAT TREE!

ON OCT. 12, 1945; TWO THUGS, MARTY PHELPS AND WHITEY RADIN, WERE DRIVING THROUGH A SOUTHERN STATE IN A STOLEN CAR...

STOP WORRYIN', WHITEY! BUSTIN' THESE TWO BUDDIES OF MINE OUT OF STIR WILL BE A CINCH!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...



... AN' BESIDES, WHY SHOULD WE RISK GETTIN' TOSSED IN THE CLINK TO GET SOMEONE ELSE OUT?



I TOLD YA - DENNY AND BARON ARE SLICK OPERATORS! THEY'VE GOT A BIG JOB LINED UP, AN' WE'RE GONNA BE CUT IN ON IT!

OKAY, OKAY - I'M WITH YA!

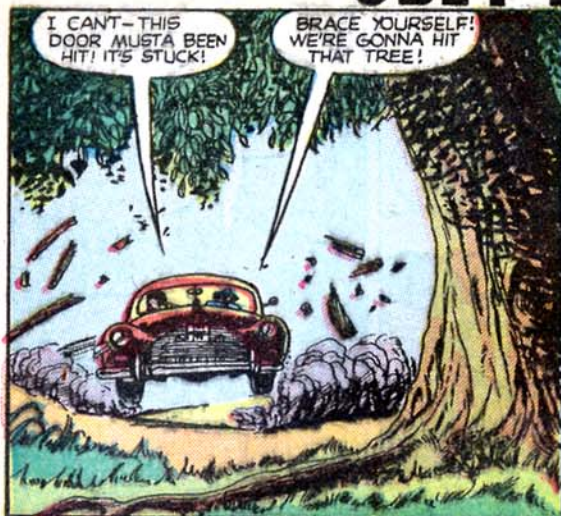




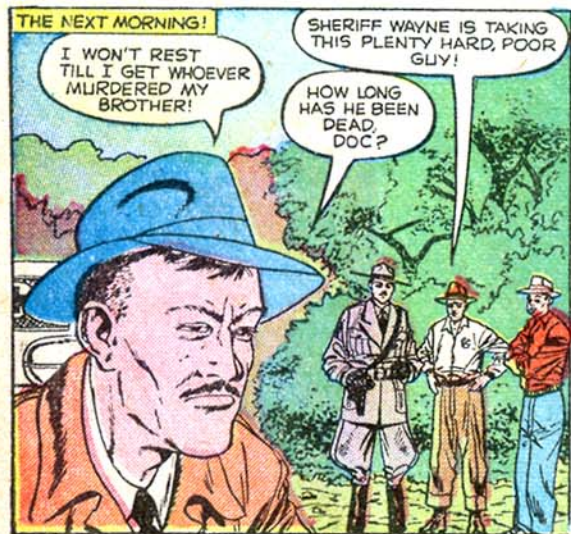
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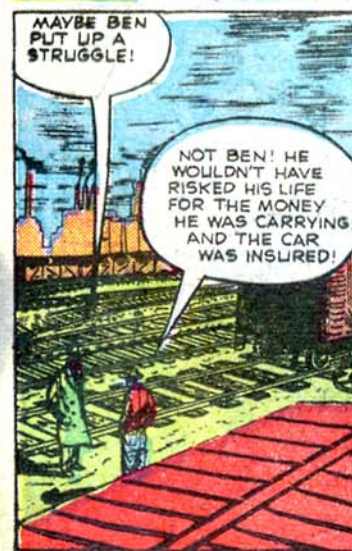
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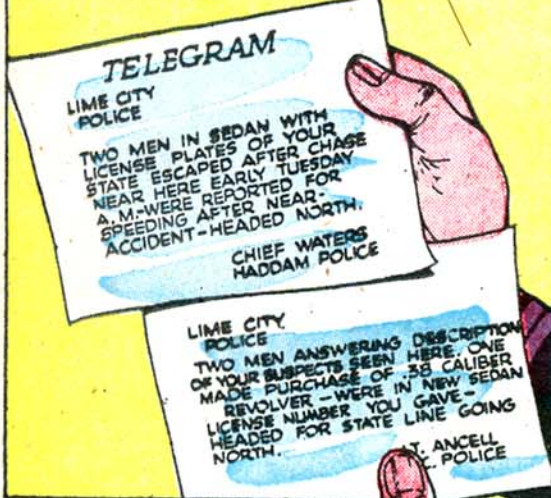
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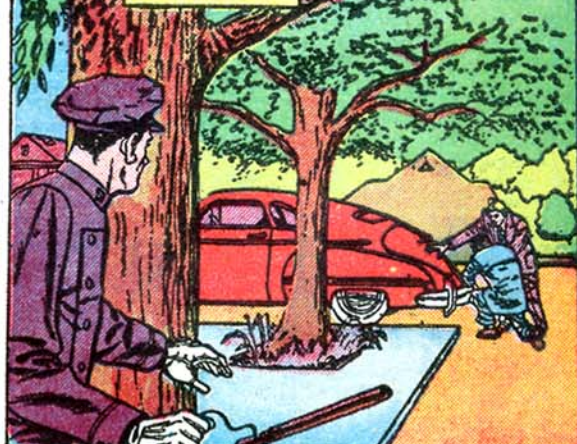
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BY MIDAFTERNOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY, REPLIES TO THE DOZENS OF TELEGRAMS SENT OUT BEGAN ARRIVING...



EVEN AS SHERIFF WAYNE WAS SPEEDING TOWARD JACKSTOWN, DAVID DENNIS, A ROOKIE PATROLMAN ON HIS FIRST TOUR OF DUTY, HAD SPOTTED PHELPS AND RADIN...



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DON'T, MARTY!  
PLEASE, DON...

SO LONG,  
BOTH OF  
YOU!

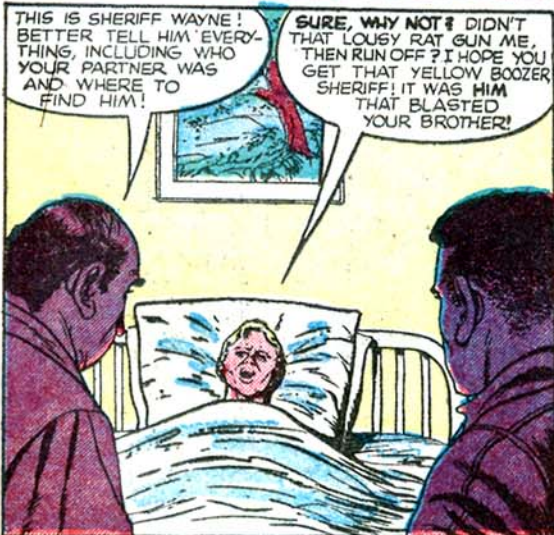


I HATE TO LET THAT GUN-HAPPY  
PUNK GET AWAY, BUT IF I DON'T  
CALL AN AMBULANCE SOON,  
THIS ONE WILL DIE! THE  
CHANCES ARE, HE'LL TALK  
OUT OF SPITE FOR BEING  
SHOT!



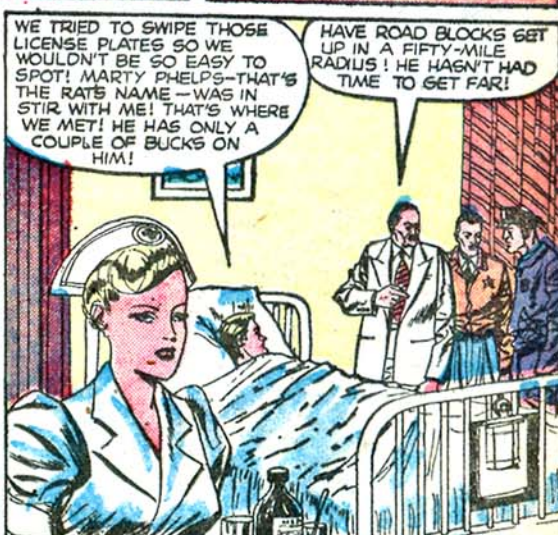
OFFICER! I JUST  
SAW THE ONE THAT  
GOT AWAY! HE CLIMBED  
INTO A NEW SEDAN  
AROUND THE CORNER  
AND SPED OFF!  
I DIDN'T GET HIS  
LICENSE NUMBER,  
BUT IT WASN'T FROM  
THIS STATE!

A NEW SEDAN?  
THESE  
MUST  
BE THE  
KILLERS  
WANTED  
SOUTH OF  
HERE! WE  
JUST GOT  
A WIRE ON  
THEM TODAY!



THIS IS SHERIFF WAYNE!  
BETTER TELL HIM EVERY-  
THING, INCLUDING WHO  
YOUR PARTNER WAS  
AND WHERE TO  
FIND HIM!

SURE, WHY NOT? DIDN'T  
THAT LOUZY RAT GUN ME,  
THEN RUN OFF? I HOPE YOU  
GET THAT YELLOW BOOZER  
SHERIFF! IT WAS HIM  
THAT BLASTED  
YOUR BROTHER!



WE TRIED TO SWIPE THOSE  
LICENSE PLATES SO WE  
WOULDN'T BE SO EASY TO  
SPOT! MARTY PHELPS—THAT'S  
THE RAT'S NAME—WAS IN  
STIR WITH ME! THAT'S WHERE  
WE MET! HE HAS ONLY A  
COUPLE OF BUCKS ON  
HIM!

HAVE ROAD BLOCKS SET  
UP IN A FIFTY-MILE  
RADIUS! HE HASN'T HAD  
TIME TO GET FAR!



HE HASN'T  
MUCH MONEY,  
SO HE HAS TO  
TRAVEL BY  
CAR OR  
FOOT!

I'M GOING TO  
STUDY THOSE  
ROGUES' GALLERY  
PHOTOS OF THE  
RAT AND THEN  
PROWL AROUND  
THE CITY! I'LL  
BET HE HASN'T  
LEFT TOWN!

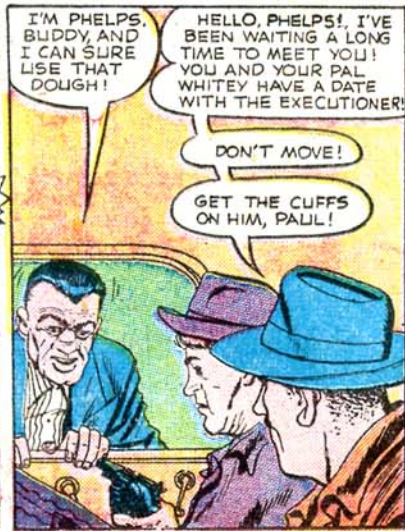
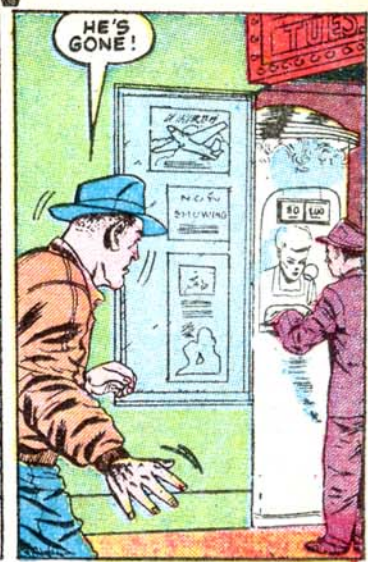


BOY, WHAT A MUG! WITH THAT  
HAIRCUT AND THE SCAR ON HIS  
NOSE HE'LL BE A CINCH TO  
SPOT! A MOVIE WOULD BE A  
LOGICAL PLACE FOR HIM TO  
HIDE OUT!

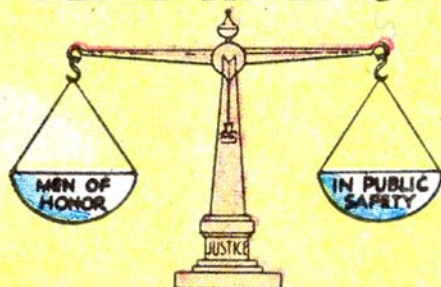


WELL, I'LL BE!...  
THAT'S PHELPS NOW,  
COMING OUT OF  
THAT THEATRE!

# OBEY THE LAW



# OUR POLICE HALL OF FAME



CHIEF DANIEL F. MURPHY  
NORTH TARRYTOWN, N.Y.



**N**ORTH TARRYTOWN, New York, boasts one of the most modern municipal buildings in the country. Built in 1940, this sleek concrete and steel edifice is both a work of art and a hub of efficiency. One wing of the building houses Chief Daniel F. Murphy and his North Tarrytown Police Department. For the past thirty-four years, Chief Murphy has spent his time enforcing the law and serving as protector, advisor and friend for the citizens of North Tarrytown.

During his years on the police force, Chief Murphy has been faced with every conceivable type of police problem—from solving difficult murder cases to chasing kidnapers. “Naturally,” the chief said, “police work has changed considerably over the years. When I entered the force as a patrolman, scientific detection as we know it today was almost non-existent; fingerprinting was just starting to make headway as an important implement of detection. Also, preventing crime and working with children in an effort to stop malicious mischief were almost unknown.”

“The good old days weren’t actually good from a police point of view, as many of the advantages we have today did not exist. “Today,” the chief continued, “we have highly-trained photographers and fingerprint men on our staff and it is these men who deserve a great deal of credit in detection.”

North Tarrytown faced a special problem dur-



ing the war years. Two large manufacturing plants were built, increasing the population of the community by 12,000 persons. "Our problem," the chief said, "was to protect these people as we do the rest of our citizens. This was made especially difficult by the fact that the war took many of our police staff. Fortunately, the townspeople cooperated splendidly, and I made many of them acting patrolmen." Chief Murphy's success in handling this problem was proved by the fact that there were no serious crimes while these 12,000 people were in North Tarrytown.

"Details and cooperation are two extremely important elements of good police work. There are countless times when seemingly unimportant details become of prime importance, or when minor crimes lead to conviction on many other more important counts. One of the more interesting cases illustrating this," the chief continued, "took place a few years ago."

"One midnight we received a call reporting a hold-up at the North Tarrytown Social Club. I took Sgt. Speno, who remained on the case until its conclusion, and went to question the witnesses at the Club. Two armed men had entered and had taken all money and valuable personal possessions from the members. There were nine witnesses. It took time, but finally we got adequate descriptions of the men. The robbers had made their getaway in an automobile.

"Actually, at that point we had little to go on. Our first move was to scout around in the vicinity of the Club in an effort to find out if anyone had seen two strangers in a car. As in everything else, luck can be important in our work, and we were fortunate in having some on our side. A man had noticed a large, black sedan about a block away from the Club. The car was parked with its lights out, yet there were two men in it. Thinking this peculiar, he had noted the license number. We now had something more definite than a mere description to go on. I immediately had the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau check the plates. They found them to be listed under the name of Gene Reynolds, with a fictitious address. This, of course, didn't mean that Reynolds was the criminal, since we had no picture to compare with the witnesses' description. For awhile we were stumped until I decided to have all other license bureaus checked. Sure enough, we found that a chauffeur's license had been issued to Gene Reynolds—with a picture attached. If the witnesses could identify this photo, we were on the right track.

"Every witness identified the picture of Gene Reynolds as that of the criminal.

"At about the same time, I received on the teletype a report of a hold-up and murder in Ravena, New York. The description of the murderer fitted Gene Reynolds.

"We got Reynolds' home address from the car

registration and went to get some more information. He hadn't been home for quite awhile but some of his friends told me that he was in New York City, somewhere in East Manhattan. This meant a good deal of work as there are many people in that area. I took some men with me and after memorizing his description we began to ask questions and look around. We must have interviewed thousands of people, with no results, until one day Sgt. Speno spotted him. He was standing in a doorway on 113th Street. Knowing that he was probably armed, Speno called a New York City detective and myself over and we closed in on him quickly.

"When we questioned him he denied ever having been in North Tarrytown. I decided not to ask about the up-state murder at that time as I felt it was necessary first to connect him with the crime in North Tarrytown.

"For four hours he kept repeating the same story. Finally I told Reynolds that the people who were robbed were hard-working men who couldn't afford to lose the money and that if he returned it I would try to lessen his punishment.

"After thinking it over for a minute, Reynolds said he would pay back the money. At that point he was completely trapped. From here on we forced him to admit that he had committed the robbery and booked him. This, however, was just the beginning.

"I sent the pictures of Reynolds, together with his fingerprints, up to the District Attorney's office in Ravena and within two hours received word that he was the murderer. Naturally, I turned Reynolds over to them and he was convicted of first-degree murder!"

This case was brought to a successful conclusion by a great deal of hard work and the use of every piece of information that could be found. As a fitting tribute for solving this crime and bringing the murderer to justice, Chief Murphy received commendations from the District Attorney and the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Tarrytown.

Chief Murphy, a marine in World War I, is vitally interested in crime prevention as well as detection and particularly in working with young people. He initiated a plan to send high school classes on trips to interesting and entertaining places and most of the boys in town have gone to ball games arranged by Chief Murphy.

His excellent work has been recognized by all who know him and he has, on three separate occasions, received commendations for his great contribution to the people of North Tarrytown. He has proved himself a wonderful police officer as well as a leading citizen, and his thirty-four years on the force have been filled with long strides forward toward his goal of a community without crime.

THE END



# LARRY PATTON and JOHN MILLER



TWO FOOLS WHOSE LUST FOR EASY MONEY SENT THEM TO AN EARLY DEATH IN THE CHAIR!



IT AIN'T GONNA BE ANY CINCH SPRINGIN' OUR BOES OUTTA THIS JAIL, PATTON!

STOP WORRYIN' MAKIN' WHEN LARRY PATTON SAYS HE'S SPRINGIN' SOMEONE, THE GUY'S AS GOOD AS SPRING!

WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR? LET'S GET GOIN'!

LARRY PATTON AND JOHN MILLER WERE FOOLISH CHARACTERS, WHO, LIKE ALL CRIMINALS, LEARNED THE HARD WAY—THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY—OUR STORY OPENS IN DENTON CITY, ON MARCH 3, 1933, WHEN THESE TWO DESPERADOES MET...



WHO'S THAT CRAZY-LOOKING CREEP YOU DRAGGED IN WITH YOU, MAKIN'?

YOU SAID YOU NEEDED ANOTHER RODMAN, JOHN, SO HERE HE IS! LARRY PATTON—FAST ON THE DRAW, AND ACCURATE!

LET'S SEE HOW ACCURATE!



IS THAT ACCURATE ENOUGH?

THAT'S FAST SHOOTING, LARRY! LET'S TAKE IN A MOVIE AND RELAX! WE'RE STICKING UP THAT BANK HERE IN THE MORNIN'!

FINE! I LOVE MOVIES!

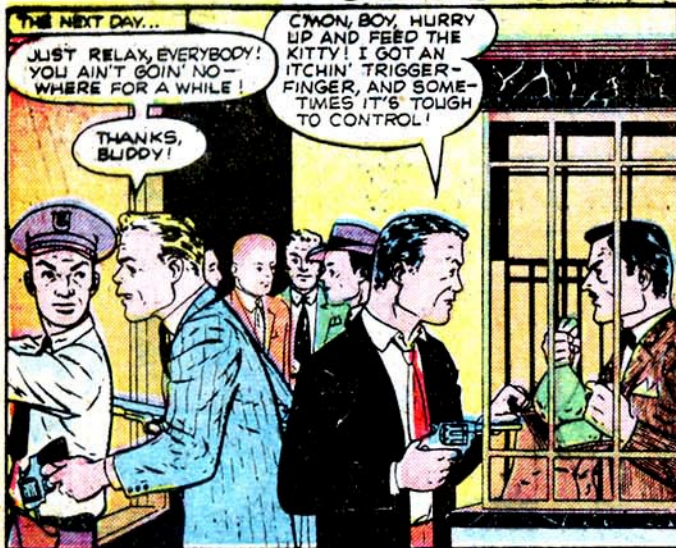


THIS PICTURE SMELLS—LET'S SCRAM!

YEAR! WE WANNA BE ON OUR TOES IN THE MORNIN'! WHAT D'YA SAY, LARRY?

I'LL SEE IT THROUGH! MEET YA LATER!

# OBEY THE LAW



JUST RELAX, EVERYBODY! YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE FOR A WHILE!

THANKS, BUDDY!

C'MON, BOY, HURRY UP AND FEED THE KITTY! I GOT AN ITCHIN' TRIGGER-FINGER, AND SOMETIMES IT'S TOUGH TO CONTROL!



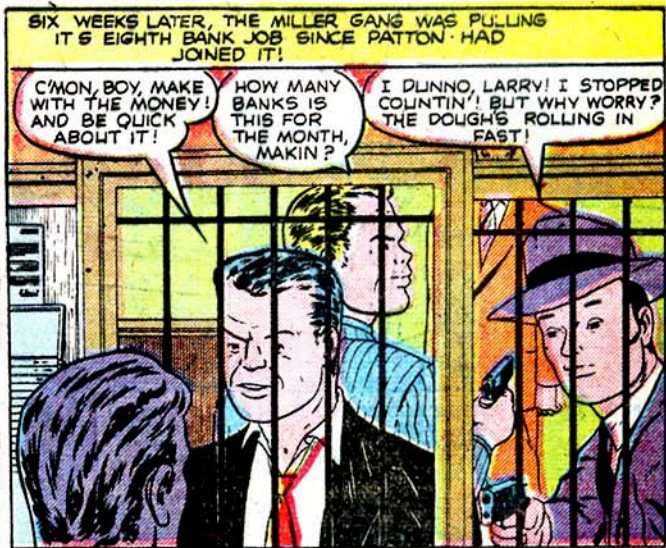
C'MON, LARRY, WE GOT THE DOUGH! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T ANYBODY MAKE A MOVE FOR TEN MINUTES, OR IT'LL BE HIS LAST!



YOU'RE OKAY, MILLER, YOU'RE A GOOD GUY TO WORK FOR! YOU KNOW YOUR BUSINESS!

I TOLD YOU, LARRY, YOU WOULDN'T BE SORRY, TEAMIN' UP WITH JOHN!



C'MON, BOY, MAKE WITH THE MONEY! AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

HOW MANY BANKS IS THIS FOR THE MONTH, MAKIN'?

I DLUNNO, LARRY! I STOPPED COUNTIN'! BUT WHY WORRY? THE DOUGH'S ROLLING IN FAST!



EXTRA! EXTRA! NATIONWIDE MANHUNT STARTED FOR MILLER MOB! TWO THOUSAND MEN HAVE ARMED IN THIS STATE TO PATROL ALL HIGHWAYS!



BOYS, BUSINESS IS SO GOOD THAT WE'RE GOING TO BRANCH OUT! I'LL RUN ONE MOB AND PATTON AND MAKIN THE OTHER! I'LL PICK THE JOBS FOR THEM, BUT THEY'LL WORK ON THEIR OWN!

YOU WON'T REGRET THIS, JOHN!



THERE'S A JOB I HAD IN MIND NEAR DENTON CITY! IT'S A SMALL-TOWN BANK WITH ONLY ONE GUARD! IT OUGHTTA BE EASY!

OKAY, WITH ME, LARRY! JOHN'S GOT A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN YOU! LET'S SEE HOW YOU CAN RUN THIS SHOW!

# OBEY THE LAW

KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNING AND WAIT TILL WE COME BACK! DON'T RUN OFF IF THERE'S SHOOTIN', BECAUSE I'LL KILL YOU IF I HAVE TO CHASE YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD!

I AIN'T RUNNING OUT ON NOBODY! I WAS WITH MILLER LONG BEFORE YOU WAS!

BANK



DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, LARRY, AL'S OKAY! LET'S GET GOING!

YOU SURE YOU AIN'T GOT NO NICKLES AND PENNIES LYIN' AROUND? NO? OKAY, FELLERS LET'S GO!

DON'T NOBODY RUN OUTSIDE FOR THE COPS, BECAUSE THE GUY IN THE CAR GOT A MACHINE GUN TRAINED ON THE DOOR!

LET'S GO!

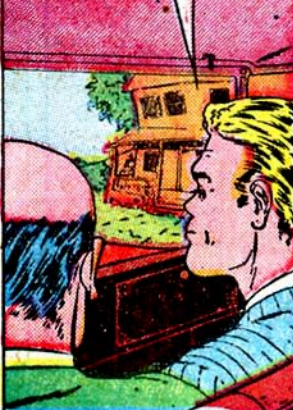


HOW'D IT GO, PATTON?

SMOOTH AS SILK! DRIVE OVER TO PORTOWN! THERE IS AN ABANDONED FARM I KNOW OF OUTSIDE THE TOWN! WE CAN HIDE OUT THERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS!

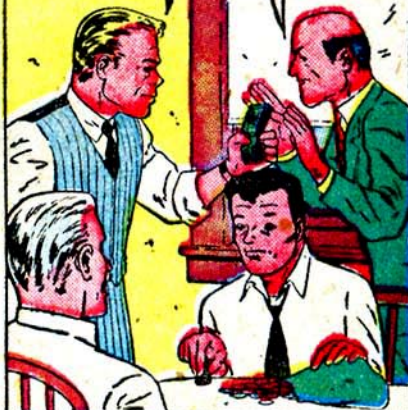


WELL, HERE'S THE DUMP! PULL THE CAR UP BEHIND THE BARN! THEN WE'LL GO IN THE HOUSE AND DIVVY UP THE TAKE!



TWO GRAND APECE FOR MAKIN AND VAN, THREE GRAND FOR ME AND MILLER, AND HERE'S \$500 FOR YOU!

NO GOOD! I WANT A FULL CLIT LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE! YOU AIN'T DEALIN' WITH NO PUNK!



SO YA AIN'T SATISFIED WITH WHAT I GIVE YOU, HUH? YOU WANT MORE, HUH? I'LL GIVE YOU ALL YOU CAN HANDLE, SO'S YOU'LL BE SATISFIED!

OKAY, LARRY, ANYTHING YOU SAY!

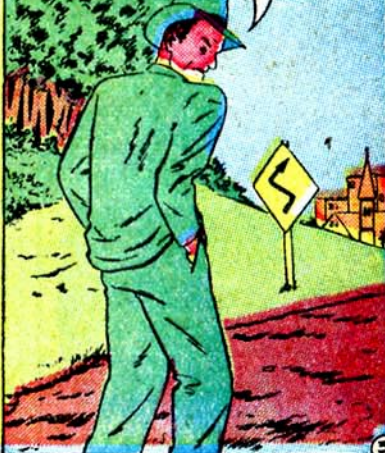


I DON'T HEAR NO SQUAWK COMING NOW! OKAY NOW GET INTO TOWN AND FETCH SOME GROCERIES! AND YOU CAN HIKE IT, TOO! IT'S ONLY A COUPLE OF MILES!

SURE LARRY, I'LL GO! I'LL GO RIGHT AWAY!



THAT DIRTY GORILLA AIN'T GETTIN' AWAY WITH PUSHIN' ME AROUND! HE'S IN FOR A MIGHTY FINE SURPRISE..PRONTO!



# OBEY THE LAW

HELLO, COPPERS? YOU WANT TO PICK UP SOME OF JOHN MILLER'S MATES? YOU CAN GRAB MAKIN, VAN WEST, AND THAT GORILLA, PATTON, ON AN ABANDONED FARM, TWO MILES WEST OF HERE, ON THE STATE ROAD! WHAT'S MY NAME? NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! JUST GO GET THEM RATS!

I GOT A HUNCH I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET AL GO INTO TOWN ALONE! THAT RAT'S LIABLE TO SING TO THE COPS, JUST OUT OF SPITE! I'M GOING OUT TO WATCH THE ROAD!

YOU'RE CRAZY, LARRY! AL WOULDN'T SING! HE KNOWS JOHN WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID!

LET'S GO OUT AND GET SOME AIR, ANYHOW! THIS PLACE IS GETTIN' ME DOWN!

LOOK! THERE ARE THREE CARS COMIN' UP THE ROAD! THEY'RE SQUAD CARS! C'MON, THERE'S A DIRT ROAD IN THE BACK! LET'S BREEZE OUT OF HERE!

THAT DIRTY PUNK! I'LL SLIT HIS THROAT WHEN I CATCH HIM!

WE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET JOHN IN CANTON, SATURDAY! NOW WE CAN'T PULL THAT JOB WE PLANNED FOR FORT PAYNE NEXT THURSDAY!

THE MONEY WILL KEEP THERE, LARRY! WE'LL COME BACK AND HEIST THAT BANK LATER! LET'S GET ROLLIN'!

OH, OH, A COPPER!

NOW YOU GUYS SIT TIGHT AND LET ME HANDLE THIS! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

OKAY, LARRY! YOU'RE THE DOCTOR!

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, OFFICER? WERE WE GOING TOO FAST?

WE'RE DOING SOME CHECKING UP! LET ME SEE YOUR LICENSE!

I AIN'T GOT NO LICENSE! THIS IS A STOLEN CAR, BUT I GOT A GUN THAT SHOOTS! LARRY PATTON DON'T NEED NO LICENSE!

STEP ON THE GAG! THERE'S ANOTHER COP BENDING OVER THE ONE YA PLUGGED!

AND WE'LL BE AFTER US, ALL RIGHT! WE GOT TO GET OFF THIS ROAD!

# OBEY THE LAW

**FASTER, LARRY, FASTER!** THAT GUY KEEPS WEAVIN' AND BOBBIN'! THE BUM WON'T LET ME GET A SET SHOT AT HIM! **WATCH OUT!** HE'S AIMIN' FOR THE REAR TIRES!



**THOSE DIRTY COWARDS! I'VE GOT TO BRING THEM IN!**

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THE CAR ON THE ROAD NOW! I GOT TWO OF HIS TIRES!



**DUCK DOWN AND BRACE YOURSELVES! WE'RE GOIN' OVER!**

**THEY SHOT PETE MCCANN!** I SPOTTED THEM RIGHT AFTERWARDS!

**GOOD WORK, TAYLOR!** PETE IS ON HIS WAY TO THE HOSPITAL! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE IS!



LATER, IN FORT PAYNE, MILLER RECEIVED NEWS OF THE ARREST AND CONVICTION...

THEY'VE GOT PATTON, MAKIN, AND VAN WEST IN THE COOLER OVER AT PORTOWN! WE'LL HAVE TO GET THEM OUT, BOYS! THEY'RE GOOD WORKERS!

JUST GIVE THE WORD, JOHN! WE'LL BACK YOU UP!



PSST-I JUST GOT A SMUGGLED NOTE FROM MILLER! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT IT IN, BUT TOMORROW WE MAKE A BREAK! WE'RE GONNA LET SOME OF MILLER'S FRIENDS IN ON IT! NOW HERE'S WHAT YOU TELL VAN....



THOSE ARE THE RODS! PICK 'EM UP SLOWLY, BOYS, ONE AT A TIME! I'LL GO FIRST!



EASY DOES IT, BOYS! REMEMBER, WE DON'T WANT THOSE BOYS ON THE WALL PEGGIN' MACHINE GUN BULLETS AT US!

NOW YOU GUYS LISTEN TO LARRY AND DO AS HE SAYS!

OKAY, LET'S GET ROLLIN'!



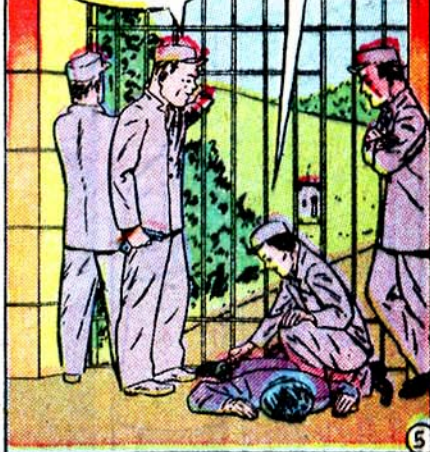
OKAY, YOU-WE GOT THREE RODS ON YOU! IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR WIFE TO BE A WIDOW, OPEN UP!

NOT ON YOUR LIFE! DON'T BE FOOLS! YOUR SHOTS WOULD BRING MORE GUARDS WITHIN FIVE SECONDS!



SO HE WANTED TO PLAY HERO! GRAB HIS KEYS, MAKIN! LET'S GET GOIN'!

OKAY, LARRY! HERE THEY ARE!



# OBEY THE LAW



EXTRA! EXTRA!  
MILLER EFFECTS  
ESCAPE OF TEN  
DESPERATE CRIMINALS  
FROM STATE PENI-  
TENTIARY! READ  
ALL ABOUT IT!  
EXTRA! EXTRA!



WE'LL OPERATE  
AS TWO MOBS  
AGAIN IN THE  
SAME DISTRICTS  
AS BEFORE!  
ONLY THIS TIME  
KEEP OUT OF  
TROUBLE!

EVERYTHING  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN ROLLIN'  
SWELL IF IT  
HADN'T BEEN  
FOR THAT  
'CANARY, AL  
ROPER!

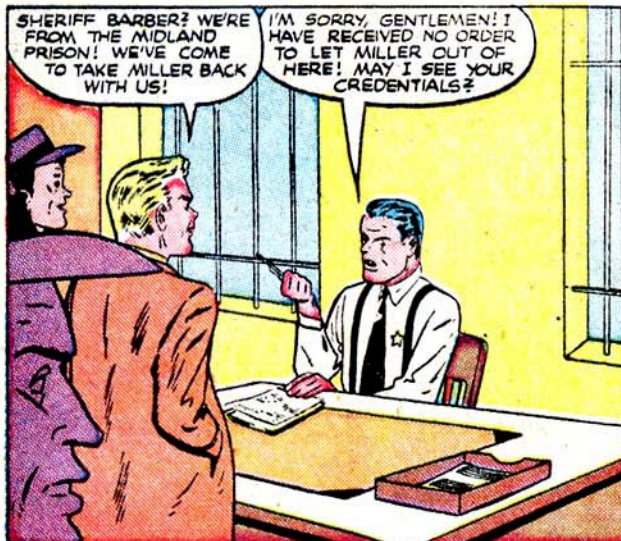
WE DON'T  
HAVE TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT HIM  
NO MORE! I  
TOOK CARE  
OF HIM  
PERSONALLY!

MEANWHILE...



PSST, PATTON! I  
JUST GOT WORD  
THAT THE COPS  
NABBED MILLER!  
HE'S IN JAIL IN  
REDWOOD!

WELL, WE CAN'T  
LEAVE HIM  
SITTIN' THERE!  
CALL THE BOYS  
TOGETHER! I  
GOT AN IDEA!



SHERIFF BARBER? WE'RE  
FROM THE MIDLAND  
PRISON! WE'VE COME  
TO TAKE MILLER BACK  
WITH US!

I'M SORRY, GENTLEMEN! I  
HAVE RECEIVED NO ORDER  
TO LET MILLER OUT OF  
HERE! MAY I SEE YOUR  
CREDENTIALS?



HERE THEY  
ARE, SHERIFF!

GRAB HIS  
KEYS, VAN!

WE  
GOTTA  
MAKE THIS  
QUICK!



NICE GOIN',  
PATTON!  
MAKE IT  
FAST!

DON'T GET  
EXCITED! I  
GOTTA  
FIND THE  
RIGHT  
KEY!



WELL, PATTON,  
AFTER BEIN' OUT  
FOR A WEEK,  
I'M GETTIN' ITCHY  
TO GET BACK  
INTO ACTION!  
GOT ANY IDEAS?

I SURE HAVE,  
JOHN! I GOT  
THE TOOLSTOWN  
NATIONAL BANK  
ALL CASSED!  
NOW HERE'S  
THE DOPE!

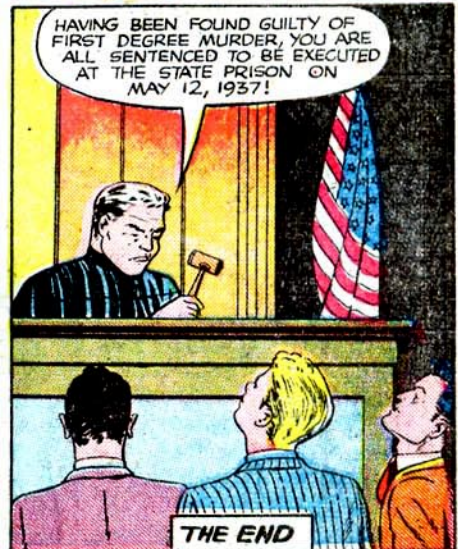
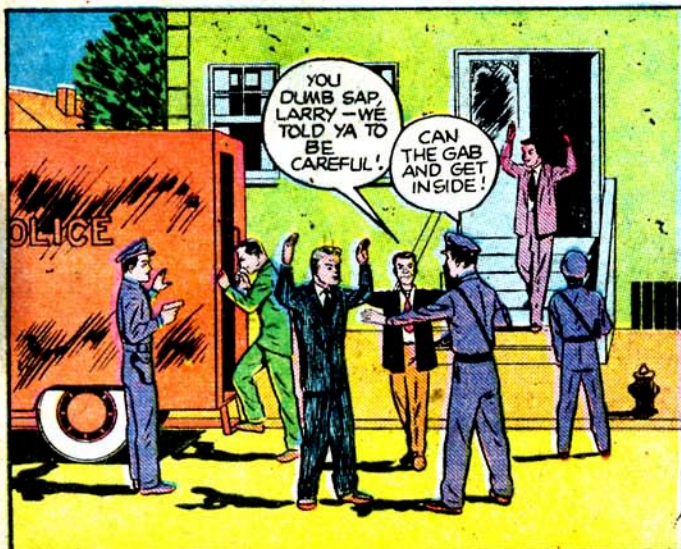
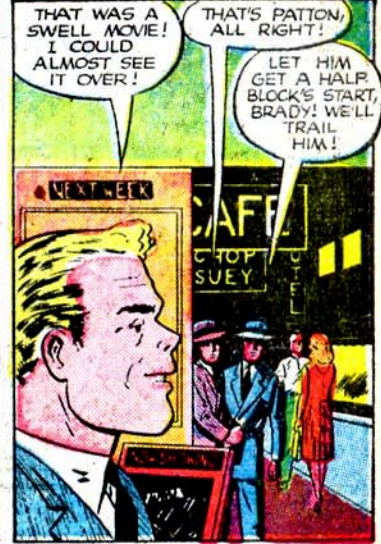


TOOLSTOWN...THREE DAYS LATER...

THIS DOES IT!  
NOW WE'RE  
GOIN' TO TAKE  
A LITTLE  
VACATION!

HOW ABOUT TAKIN'  
IT IN BRANDON?  
THERE'S PLENTY  
OF EXCITEMENT  
IN THAT TOWN!

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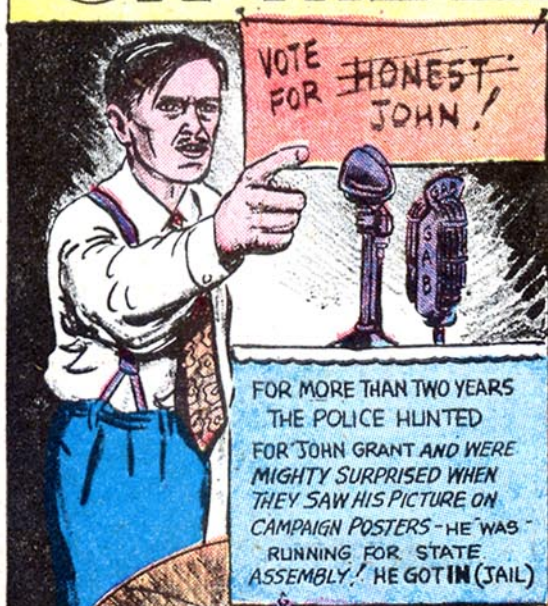


# OBEY THE LAW

## ON THE LEVEL

by C.H. MOORE

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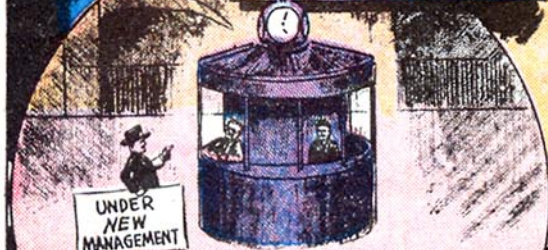


FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS THE POLICE HUNTED FOR JOHN GRANT AND WERE MIGHTY SURPRISED WHEN THEY SAW HIS PICTURE ON CAMPAIGN POSTERS - HE WAS RUNNING FOR STATE ASSEMBLY! HE GOT IN (JAIL)



OPEN SEASON FOR MURDER!

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MOST of the countries of South America have had, at one time or another, disputes concerning their boundaries; some have been settled by friendly arbitration, some by border wars, while some are still continuing after many decades. The boundary between Bolivia and Paraguay, unlike those of other countries which follow the course of a river or run along a mountain range, consisted of a straight line. This boundary was established in 1894 by arbitration but was never ratified by the two countries. The disputed border line began at a point on the Paraguay River, three miles north of Fort Olimpo and ran along a straight line in a south westerly direction until it reached the Pilcomayo River and the Argentine border. The territory in dispute was part of the Gran Chaco, which consisted of marshy lands, dense jungle forests and grassy plains, much of which had been unexplored. As both countries claimed this territory which has no natural boundary, many border disputes and armed clashes have taken place.

In 1928, Bolivia started a stamp war by issuing a map stamp in which the Chaco was shown as Bolivian territory. Later in 1931, Bolivia issued two more map stamps upon which were shown the disputed territory as "Chaco Boliviano." Not to be outdone, Paraguay came out with two giant sized map stamps in which the Chaco was shown as "Chaco Paraguayo." In addition, the stamps bore this inscription, "El Chaco ha sido, es y sera del Paraguay" which means "The Chaco was, is, and will be Paraguay's." Bolivia then became incensed and in 1935 issued a set of 14 map stamps for regular mail and 10 other map stamps for airmail use, all showing the Chaco as Bolivian.

While the stamp war was going on a real bloody war took place in the jungles of the Chaco between Bolivia and Paraguay.

Diplomatic negotiations were made by Argentine, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and the United States and they meditated the controversy. The conflict was ended and the border re-adjusted. In addition, the map stamps of both countries were withdrawn and in 1938, peace was once again restored.

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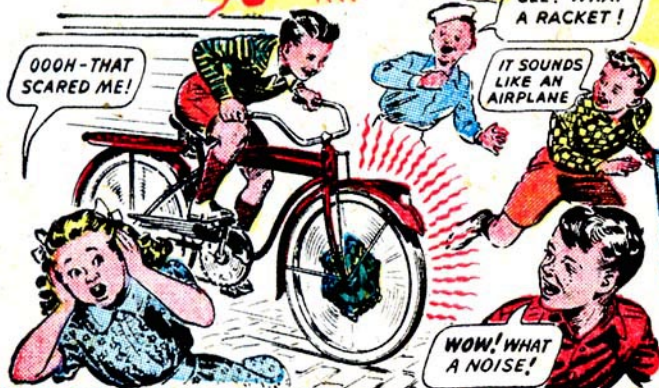
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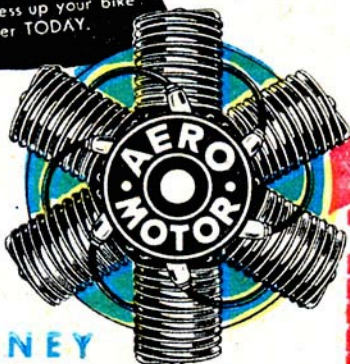
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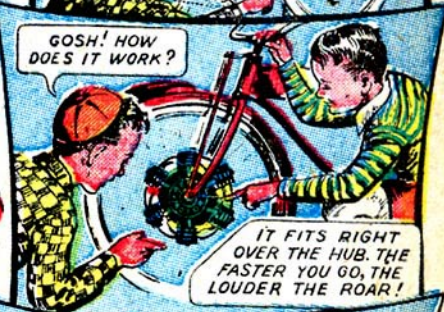
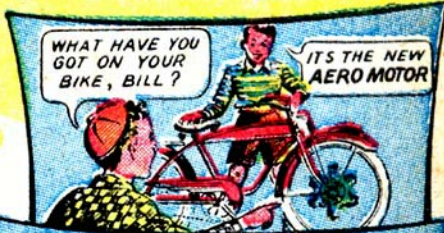
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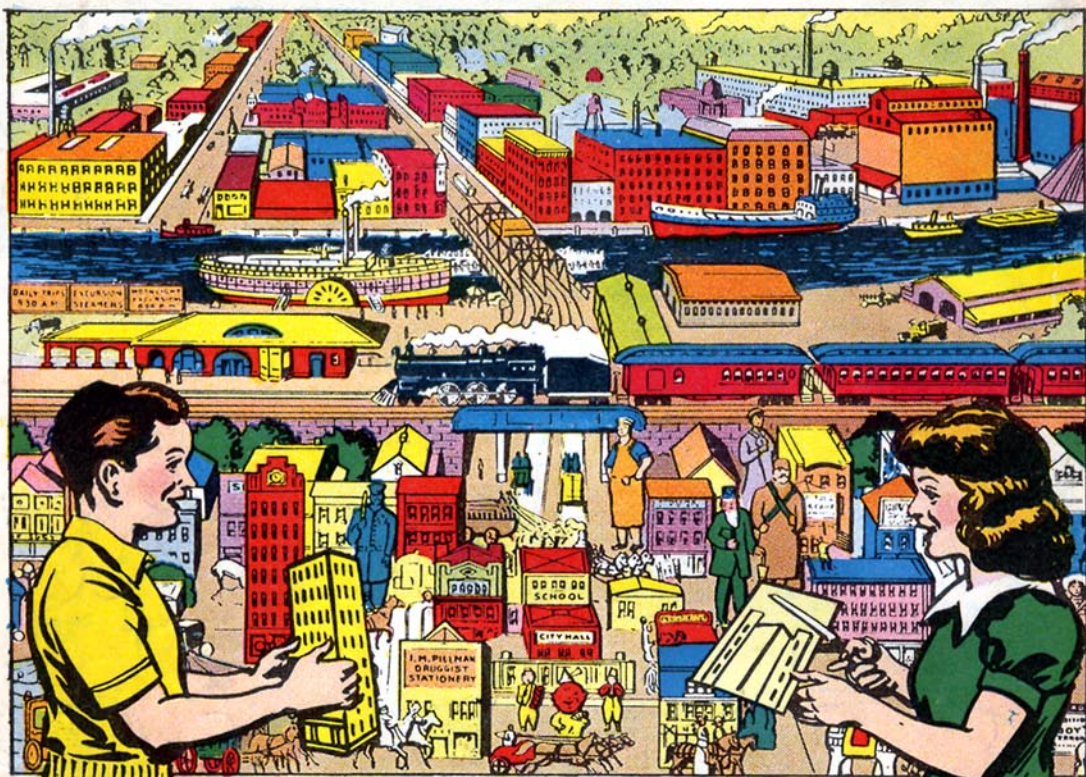
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